

LABOR WAGES

Erstern Conditions Appear Satisfactory.

NO MAY DAY STRIKE

Several Large Manufacturing Institutions Increase Wages of Employees.

CONTEMPLATE SOME STRIKES

Wages Raised by One Concern is an Incentive for Demands by Others But the General Tendency is for Good Raises All Along the Line.

Chicago, May 1.—May day dawns on Chicago with every indication of labor peace, except for the garment workers and teamsters strike. A similar condition has not existed since 1886. All the buildings trades, representing more than 30,000 workers, begin work Monday under new agreements, a few with slightly higher wages and nearly all with some concessions in working conditions. The several thousand bakers and the master bakers' association reached an agreement and signed last year's scale for another year.

Agreements have been renewed in all the maritime trades. Several wage scales are still open and under conference. The principal one is that of the ice wagon drivers and helpers. The joint committees handling this matter will meet again tomorrow for a final settlement.

Electrical workers in shops, both men and women, have asked for a uniform wage scale for like work.

New York, May 1.—May day strikes will be lacking this year in the building trades, but before the week end 30,000 to 35,000 men may quit work in various vocations in hope of forcing an increased wage.

About 25,000 members of the rockmen and excavators' union which made demands on the contractors protective association March 20 for a new wage scale and recognition of the union have not received what they consider a satisfactory reply. They are now considering the advisability of ordering a general strike, hoisters and drillers standing by them if they quit.

A strike of 100 truckmen is expected this week in the downtown warehouse districts. The owners have carefully prepared to meet the contingency and continue their business.

Garment workers on the east side are preparing for general strikes in July for recognition of the union and a new scale of wages. The largest of these organizations is the cloakmakers' union, which has a membership of between 11,000 and 12,000.

SECRETARY HAY.

Noted Diplomat is Modest and Has Keen Sense of Humor.

Much speculation has been indulged in recently as to whether the public career of John Hay is near its close. His hasty departure for Europe and his sudden illness at the pier as the steamer was about to sail, combined with other signs of breakdown which the

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secretary of state has manifested, have led his friends to fear that he may never again resume his duties as head of President Roosevelt's cabinet. It is reported that his health has improved since his arrival in Europe, and the opinion is expressed that if the improvement continues he will retain his position long enough at least to participate in the settlement of important questions likely to arise in connection with the peace negotiations of the future between Russia and Japan. The belief prevails, however, that in view of his uncertain health Mr. Hay will not undertake to serve at the head of the state department until the close of Mr. Roosevelt's term. He is sixty-six years of age, and domestic affliction and the strain of his duties have told upon him.

It is sometimes said that all truly great men are modest. Mr. Hay once evinced his modesty when in referring to his birth and early environment he said: "I was born in Indiana; I grew up in Illinois; I was educated in Rhode Island, and there is no blame to that scholarly community that I know so little."

At a cabinet meeting shortly after the birth of the republic of Panama the cabinet members were chaffing Secretary



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JOHN HAY

retary Hay about the revolution and the charge that the state department had fomented it in order to secure the canal concession.

"I used to hear a story," said Secretary Hay, "about Uncle Dick Oglesby, who inspected Joliet state prison once when he was governor. He came to a cell in which a hideously ugly man was confined. The man was so ill favored that the governor stopped to ask about him. 'What's he in for?' he asked."

"He forced a young woman to elope with him at the point of a pistol," the keeper replied.

"Well," said Oglesby, "I guess I'll pardon him."

"Pardon him?" protested the warden.

"Why, governor, the proof against him is absolute."

"I know," said the governor, "but he couldn't get her to marry him in any other way."

A RUSSIAN FIGHTER.

General Bilderling, Whose Valor Won Kuropatkin's Praise.

General Baron Bilderling is one of the ablest soldiers associated with General Kuropatkin and, unlike some of the Russian officers, has stood by the commander in chief at all stages of the fighting in Manchuria, even backing Kuropatkin in his contest with Viceroy Alexeeff. General Bilderling is of German extraction, like many other Russian officers. He reached Manchuria shortly before the battle of Liaoyang and was in command of the army which opposed Nodan. He made stern resistance to the onset of the Japanese westward and southward of Mukden, and large bodies of the men under him were practically annihilated before he would consent to yield and retire his remaining forces. General Kuropatkin witnessed his conduct during



GENERAL BARON BILDERLING.

much of the fighting and reported upon it in terms of high praise. In the retreat from Mukden his command did Kuropatkin good service by checking the advance of the enemy to the west of that city so as to prevent the Japanese turning movement from cutting off the Russians before they could reach Tie pass. It is expected that General Bilderling will have a prominent part in the Russian campaign of the immediate future.

An Infallible Sign.

Mrs. Bickers—Do you think spilling salt is an infallible sign that there's going to be a quarrel? Bickers—No, but getting married is.—New York Press.

JINGLES AND JESTS.

Astronomical.
He mooned all night.
Thus found delight.
He sunned by day
Beside the way.
He starred at times
With minstrel chimes.
But work, life's summit,
He couldn't quell!
—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Astonished.
"Why, yes," said Miss Pertie Goodwin to her intimate friend, "Harry and I are going to have a secret wedding. Not a soul is going to know of it till after it's over. Hadn't you heard?"—Chicago Tribune.

Enough Said.
Katie—Tell me, Edith, what did you say when Charley proposed?
Edith—Me? Oh, there was no occasion for me to say anything. Charley had said all that was necessary.—Boston Transcript.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker.
David Westman, Fort Canby.
J. Thomas and wife, Chicago.
Gordon McDonald, Portland.
Chas. Rice, Portland.
Mat Kahl, Deep River.
J. Hendrickson, Deep River.
Oram Andersen, Lewis and Clark.
Alb. E. Larson, Lewis and Clark.
John Kangas, Lewis and Clark.
C. Petersen, Lewis and Clark.
H. C. Johnson, Chinook.
Earl Gaston, Chinook.
E. O. Dix, Chinook.
C. W. Brooks, Portland.
C. D. Mott, Washougal.
A. C. Tracy, Washougal.
C. H. Ames, Skamokawa.
Lee V. Bales, Skamokawa.
Thomas Mustola, Quincy.
Lee Forester, Grass Valley.
Geo. Kinchman, Washougal.
L. L. Marble, Washougal.
G. Marble, Washougal.
C. L. Parker, Seaside.
Algot Anderson, Lightship No. 50.
A. V. Reeves, Nosal.

Occident.
A. Burdick, Portland.
W. Jobs, Portland.
Chas. Payne, Chinook.
W. Gilmore, Portland.
Capt. Nelson, Portland.
Miss Mabel McGuire, Seaside.
J. W. Courtmanche, Monterey.
E. H. Fithian, Chicago.
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Japs Went Fight.

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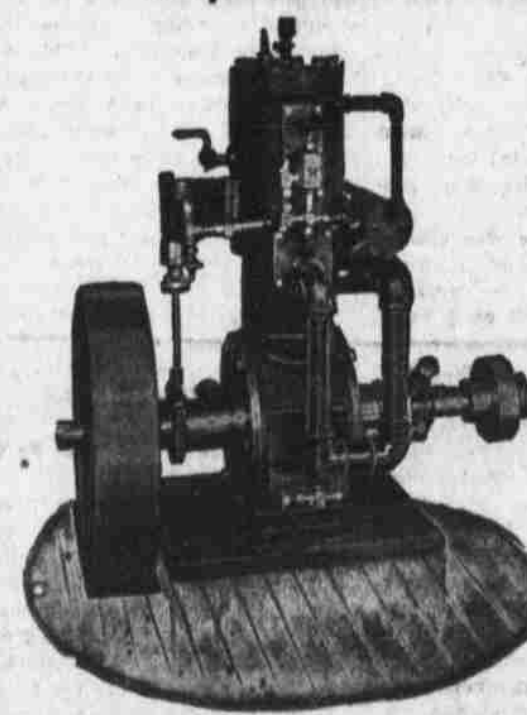
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